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Asylums for the poor and the disabled in the Presidency.

640 *Q.*—Mr. S. ARPUDASWAMI UDAYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased—

(1) to place on the table a statement showing—

(*a*) the number of asylums in this province for the protection of disabled, neglected poor, with no home or relations,

(*b*) the places where they are situated,

(*c*) those under Government control and

(*d*) those under private management, and

(2) to state whether Government have any scheme for opening beggar asylums or helping with suitable grants those already opened by private bodies or those which may be opened hereafter either in Madras or in mufassal towns where the need is felt?

A.—(1) The hon. Member is referred to the portion headed 'Charitable Institutions' in Part II of the annual report on the administration of the Madras Presidency. The Government have no further information than what is contained in the report.

(2) No.

Indian orphanages in the Presidency.

641 *Q.*—Mr. S. ARPUDASWAMI UDAYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to place on the table a list showing—

(*a*) the number of Indian orphanages in this province,

(*b*) the places where they are situated,

(*c*) those under Government direction,

(*d*) those under private management, and

(*e*) the amount and nature of the grants, if any, allotted to Indian orphanages under private management?

A.—The Government have no information but will call for it.

Retrenchment in the Public Works department.

642 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur T. BALAJI RAO NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government are going to make any further retrenchments in the Public Works establishment?

A.—Proposals for further retrenchment are under consideration.

Remission of land revenue and water-tax in the Kistna and Gōdāvari deltas.

643 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur T. BALAJI RAO NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government are aware of the extent of the damage done to crops in the Kistna and Gōdāvari deltas by the storm of 22nd November 1922?

A.—The Government await the Collector's detailed report regarding the extent of the damage.